

BEFORE THE "DO NOT CALL LIST" CAME INTO EFFECT, I WAS HOUNDED BY TELEMARKETERS CONSTANTLY, DAY AND NIGHT. MOST OF THE SOLICITORS WERE SO AGRESSIVE THAT I VOWED TO NEVER BUY ANYTHING THEY SOLD! SOME WERE DOWN RIGHT RUDE AND ABRASIVE. I SPECIFICALLY ORDERED CALLER ID TO HELP PREVENT SOME OF THE CONSTANT INTERRUPTIONS, HOWEVER, THESE ANNOYING AND ARROGANT INTRUDERS ARE PERMITTED TO BLOCK THEIR NUMBERS.

MY HOME IS MY PRIVATE PLACE. I HAVE AN UNLISTED PHONE NUMBER FOR WHICH I PAY AN EXTRA FEE EACH MONTH TO AVOID UNWANTED INTRUDERS. THESE SOLICITORS ARE USING MY HOME PHONE TO TRY TO MAKE MONEY. THAT IS AN INVASION OF MY PRIVACY. TO ADD INSULT TO INJURY, WHEN THEY ARE RUDE TO ME ON MY PHONE, I DON'T EVEN HAVE A PHONE NUMBER TO REPORT THE OFFENSIVE CALL TO MY TELEPHONE COMPANY. THE TELEMARKETERS HAVE MORE RIGHTS THAN I DO - IF THEY PAY MY PHONE BILL, THEN THEY CAN CALL MY HOUSE. OTHERWISE, LET THEM USE OTHER MEANS TO ADVERTISE WITHOUT INFRINGING ON MY RIGHT TO PRIVACY.

THERE WAS AN OVERWHELMING RESPONSE TO THE "DO NOT CALL LIST" WHEN IT FIRST BECAME AVAILABLE. THE FCC SHOULD HONOR THE REQUESTS OF THE CONSUMERS PAYING FOR TELEPHONE SERVICE BY INSURING THE "DO NOT CALL LIST" REMAINS IN EFFECT.